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Letter to Bishop Bedell

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Cinc: July 12, 1863

Dear Bishop

I wrote yesterday - since
then I have considered &
now think you had better
go & see Dr. Goodwin - The thing
in general has been so far brought
to his thoughts that it must have
been now for several days, more
or less considered - He doubtless ex-
pects something further - Mr
Powers wrote that he said - He
could have wished it had come
earlier, as he had bought a house.
But he did not say ~~now~~ no -
Mr Powers thinks he would well
consider it - No particulars have
been placed before him - He has
only been sounded - Mr. P. evidently

thinks his place not a gratifying one
to a man of energy & especially one
desirous of working in for the Ch.
Now I do not see why, the ground
being thus prepared, it would not be
well for you to go, in my name
as well as for yourself - I say in ab-
-sence that I will nominat him
if he encourage - that he will in
that case, be unanimously elected,
that I do not wish to call the Board
on an ^{entire} uncertainty, as to the accept-
ance of an election - that my nomi-
-nation, after what occurred recently
in the Bd., would be equivalent to
an election - that therefore we hope
he will take the matter into
consideration, just as if an election
had taken place - It is so much
better for you to go & see him than
for me only to write, as you can

give him all information as to
salary, duties, relations &c — the
condition of the College &c —

I hope you will go at once
to Phil^a & see him & others
as Dr. Vanhook who themselves
might influence him against
it —

Yours affectionately
C. P. M. —